Prevailing (Travel) Speed – The speed at which the majority of the traffic is traveling at or below (normally the 85th percentile). If the prevailing speed is not known, it shall be determined by the Engineer using the "floating car" method (in which the driver approximates the median speed by passing as many vehicles as pass the driver) or another suitable method, at the discretion of the Engineer.

Protection Vehicle – A vehicle equipped with one or more of the following devices – an arrow panel/truck mounted changeable message sign, advance warning sign, approved safety lights, or rear truck mounted attenuator – that is used to provide protection for workers, motorists, equipment, and work operations.

Queue – A line of vehicles, or traffic backup, that forms on a section of roadway where traffic volume exceeds capacity.

Service Vehicle – The work vehicle typically used to maintain traffic control devices, such as PCMS and traffic signals.

Short-Term Stationary Work Activity - Daylight work that occupies a location from 15 minutes to 12 hours.

Specifications – The Administration's Standard Specifications for Construction and Materials, latest edition.

Speed – The term "speed" may mean the 85th percentile speed, prevailing speed, posted speed, design speed, or advisory speed. Vehicle speed should be carefully considered in determining the design, use, placement, and location of various traffic control devices.

Two-Lane, Two-Way Roadway - A roadway that provides a single travel lane in each direction. Traffic is separated by a center line as defined in the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

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